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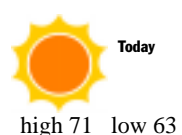
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World Safari of animals on exhibit at Okinawa Zoo

The Okinawa Zoo offers visitors a chance to get a close look at some of the exotic animals from around the world and have some fun with a variety of child rides, activities and a picnic area.

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Remembering Iwo



SSGT MICHAEL A. TURNER, INSET LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

At the 56th commemoration held March 14. Medal of Honor recipient Jack H. Lucas, along with several other World War II veterans, gathered at the south shores of Iwo Jima to remember the many fellow Marines who died 56 years ago during the Marine Corps' island hopping campaign of WW II. View the video story on the ceremony at www.okinawa.usmc.mil.

Marines and Sailors gather at Iwo Jima for 56th Anniversary of a historic battle

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IWO JIMA, Japan — Marines and Sailors from Okinawa gathered here March 14 for the Battle of Iwo Jima's 56th Anniversary.

The commemoration ceremony, honoring American and Japanese veterans, marked a common bond of human loss by both countries during the 36-day operation in 1945.

Japanese and American veterans stood beside Marines, Sailors and distinguished officials during the ceremony at the Reunion of Honor Beach where Americans landed during the war. The officials spoke of heroism by men on both sides who fought and died battling for the eight-square-mile island.

"Today it is our common purpose to pay honor and homage to the Americans and to the Japanese military man who sacrificed their lives during the battle on this island," said retired LtGen Lawrence Snowden to a large crowd of veterans, their families and active duty service members. "We salute and honor our fallen comrades.

We continue to ask for the comfort of their souls. We seek relief for the sadness of their families. And while we mourn their loss, we also celebrate their lives that we shared with them."

American and Japanese veterans laid wreaths at the base of the granite monument atop Mt. Suribachi, the site of the famous flag raising. Japanese veterans performed a water pouring ceremony symbolizing the hardships the Japanese endured during the battle.

Before and after the commemoration, veterans, family members and service members toured the battle sites located on the volcanic island. From the numerous pillboxes throughout the island to vast cave systems, many people got a first-hand view of the infamous battlefield.

For those who were here in 1945, it brought back a flood of emotion.

Leonard Evans, a Navy corpsman here 56 years ago, walked the now paved mountain road to the top of the 554-foot Mt. Suribachi. For Evans, it was a walk he wanted to take for years, but heart problems and cancer prevented him from returning sooner.

"When I went down to the beach again I just broke down," Evans said

looking down at the beach. "I remember one of my buddies, a Marine, got it right in the helmet. Of course it went right through him, and there was nothing I could do".

All these Marines and corpsmen were humble and great men, but most were so young. When I got here I was considered an old vet. I had already been to D-Day with the Navy, but I was reassigned with the Marine Corps as a replacement corpsman here. I had a battle star from the European theater war and I was 19. Most of the guys I served with were only 17 and fresh from Parris Island. The lieutenant I served with was 23 and he was called grandpa."

During the day, humvees took veterans and service members to the top of Mt. Suribachi. Many of the survivors remembered exactly where they were when they first saw the first flag raised atop the volcano. To most it still provokes a smile.

Cyril O'Brien, an infantryman and combat correspondent, remembered from seeing the flag raising from the deck of a troop transport ship.

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Report traffic violations at 645-7441/7442

Park dedicated to former commander

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP KINSER — The first of 36 parks to be replaced islandwide will be dedicated here March 30 at 8 a.m. to former Camp Commander, Col Paul R. Puckett, whose untimely death Nov. 13 saddened the community.

Construction for "Puckett's Park" started in February and will replace the outdated metal playgrounds with more modern and safer equipment.

The project, conducted by Air Force Housing, will replace parks around housing areas here Camps Foster, Courtney, and Kadena Air Base.

Col Puckett initiated the playground project in June 1999.

"He saw the old metal play sets at (Camp) Kinser and knew that they were in dire need of repairs or replacements," said Lorraine Puckett, Col Puckett's widow, Program Analyst, Marine Corps Community Services, Quantico, Va. "He worried about the kids playing on metal equipment in the hot Okinawa summers."

The project also was geared toward improving the quality of life for Marines and their families.

"Paul believed that if his Marines' families were happy, his Marines would do their jobs the best they could," Lorraine said. "He was very active in our children's lives and wanted his Marines to have the same opportunities."

The park improvements and the construction of the skate park became major issues with Col Puckett after the first Town Hall meeting soon after taking command here.

"We used to have kids and teenagers come by the house to talk to my husband about both issues. You haven't seen anything until you see a six-year-old named Samantha telling the Colonel that she needs a swing. He was listening," Lorraine said.

Because Col Puckett was listening, he approached the Air Force about replacing the parks and they decided to take the project on shortly before his death.

Through Col Puckett's efforts, the first park will be dedicated and named in his honor.

The Air Force Housing Office will donate memorial plates for the park benches and the Urasoe City Rotary Club will donate three trees for the park. Lorraine will return to



Construction workers from Takeshita Doken Company, lay down cement for the new park that will be dedicated to Col. Puckett on March 30.

Okinawa to dedicate the park to the community.

"Some of his staff told me that Paul said he wanted to leave his mark at (Camp) Kinser and Okinawa. He helped three people with the organ donations, and now the kids have a new playground to enjoy. I think he left his mark," Lorraine said. "I look forward to seeing one of my husband's dreams realized."

For more information on the ceremony contact Camp Kinser, Camp Services at 637-1886/2233.



"Puckett's Park" in front of Bldg. 868 here scheduled for completion in late March.

Navy Relief fund drive underway

Not only a chance to give but also to receive prizes

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — The 2001 Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive began March 6 and unit representatives are busy accepting charitable contributions and selling raffle tickets for prizes including a 2001 Ford Escape.

"The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive is about donating to an organization that helps us take care of our own," said Maj Michael B. Hobbs, Coordinator, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive. "The raffle is an incentive for those who need one to give."

The NMCRS is a non-profit organization that provides financial counseling and assistance to Marines and Sailors in need through no-interest loans and grants. The goal for this year's drive is to ensure 100-percent contact of all who are eligible to donate.

"There is no monetary goal for this drive because regulations say we can't set a goal," Maj Hobbs said. "But we usually collect around \$330,000 each year."

Unit representatives have been accepting cash, checks and military allotments from anyone interested in giving since March 5, but only Status of Forces Agreement status personnel may enter the raffle.

"For those looking to make tax-deductible contributions, you cannot accept a raffle ticket in return," Maj Hobbs said. "But if you're not worried about claiming your charitable contribution on your taxes, we will give you one raffle ticket for every \$3 donated."

Money will be collected through April 13 and the grand prize drawing will take place April 28.

"This year is being run a little differently than in the past," Maj Hobbs said. "We will be having weekly drawings starting March 23 and will continue on through April 27. There are many chances to win and each ticket has multiple chances of winning with winning tickets being returned to the barrel. All tickets are eligible for the grand prize drawing whether it was used to win an earlier prize or not."

The prizes for this year's NMCRS Fund Drive were all donated, including the 2001 Ford Escape donated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Military Cars Sales.

"AAFES has donated quite a bit to our weekly drawings," Maj Hobbs said. "Volvo Military Sales has also generously given a \$1,000 cash prize as well."

For more information on the NMCRS Fund Drive, contact your unit representative.

3d MarDiv	Capt Francis	622-9056
3d FSSG	HMCS Castro	637-1709
1st MAW	SSgt Hernandez	645-3765
MCB	Capt Roach	645-8249
III MHG	1stLt Godsey	623-4922
MCAS Futenma	SSgt Arbini	636-3515
USNH	Lt. Gawaran	643-7505

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- Maj Michael B. Hobbs

Women learn skills needed to help them make sound choices

LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA

— A symposium targeting issues affecting military women serving with units here and those assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing is scheduled for March 29 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The symposium will focus on how women in the military can stay healthy. It is sponsored by the Chaplain's office and Medical Clinic here.

"Our goal is to give the women the tools they need to make sound decisions regarding their health both spiritually and physically," said Navy IT Kelley A. Newman, Department Head, Futenma Medical Clinic.

The symposium will cover topics including unplanned pregnancies, spouse abuse, sexual harassment and mental health issues.

During the symposium, physical fitness, nutrition, and the Women Infants and Children Overseas program will also be discussed. All discussion will be conducted in an open forum.

Information regarding recreational activities on Okinawa and programs offered to military members will also be available.

"We want them (female military members) to know what resources are available while they are stationed on Okinawa," IT Newman said. "We also want them to have current information regarding women's healthcare."

"It (women's symposium) will allow them to meet us and other care providers, so when they need our services they will feel comfortable approaching us for help," said Navy CDR Mitchell Schranz, Station Chaplain, MCAS, Futenma.

Children car seats no longer required for all AMC flights

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER—Service members and families traveling with small children are no longer required to use car seats aboard Air Mobility Command flights.

The mandatory use of car seats was based on recommendations from the White House Commission for Aviation Safety and Security in October 1998. However, the Federal Aviation Administration did not mandate the use of car seats on scheduled commercial carriers.

As a result, passengers transferring with small children from commercial flights to military flights arrived without car seats, causing the need to purchase a car seat or obtain a loaner seat from the ports when available, according to an announcement released March 8 by AMC officials at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Making this change should reduce hardships placed on families traveling with small children on AMC missions, AMC officials said.

"Some customers do not like to carry the seat because it is something extra to carry. But, if a passenger with a small child is picking up a rental car, they will need to have a car seat for the vehicle," said Air Force MSgt Sheila Bowles, Superintendent, AMC Passenger Terminal, Kadena Air Base. "So, when a passenger checks in with a car seat, we will take the car seat and put it in the child's assigned seat."

Not having to use a car seat does not eliminate the requirement that all passengers, regardless of age, must be assigned their own seat.

"Passengers with children that are under 40 pounds and 40 inches should consider using a car seat because the seats on AMC flights are designed for adults," said Air Force SSgt Justin Sturn, Day Shift Supervisor, AMC Passenger Terminal.

"We strongly recommend that parents use car seats as an extra precaution," MSgt Bowles said.

For more information contact AMC Shift Supervisor 634-2159.

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the rail and there it was—the little flag," O'Brien said. "When it went up, there was thumping, yelling, screaming and banging. Horns were blowing. What a celebration. The funny thing is that you thought we had won the war, but it was only the third day. I don't think the Japanese were affected by the symbolism."

For many people, the battle of Iwo Jima represents one of the costliest operations in history.

Initial carrier raids began in June 1944. Prior to the invasion on Feb. 19, 1945, Japanese Imperial soldiers would suffer though the longest and most intensive aerial bombardment of any Pacific island during World War II. Dug in deep and protected by a vast natural and man-made cave system, the Japanese Army endured three days of naval shelling from a 450 ship Navy armada before the first wave of Marines landed on

the southeastern shore.

The 36-day assault resulted in 6,800 Americans dead and more than 26,000 wounded. Of the 20,000 Japanese defenders, only 1,083 survived, according to the Navy and Marine Corps World War II Committee.

"This is the most decorated battle in the history of the United States," said James Bradley, author of *Flags of Our Fathers*, and son of John Bradley one of the flag raisers atop Mount Suribachi. "This country is 245 years old. That's about 2,700 months. If you look at all the months, there is only one that is the most decorated in American history, and it's the month that these boys spent on Iwo Jima. The Army was all over the Pacific, but when the Joint Chiefs of Staff had something like this to do that was impossible, there was only one force they could send in—the Marines."

Four-legged Marine boosts unit's morale

LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Jumping on people, slobbering and plopping down for a nap anytime, anywhere would get most Marines in big trouble. But for one Leatherneck assigned to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron-1, such behavior provides his unit a morale booster. It may have even helped him get promoted.

LCpl Rocky is an English Bulldog Mascot at MWHS-1 and was promoted to his current rank March 1.

Rocky was a PFC for six months (3.5 dog years) and was promoted because of his execution of duty, according to Rocky's owner LtCol Donald K. Hansen, Commanding Officer, MWHS-1. The reason LtCol Hansen decided to get a unit mascot was to aid the troops.

"Unlike in the States, troops are unable to have pets," LtCol Hansen said. "They are so far from home and this gives them an opportunity to have their own surrogate pet."

"The dog is a big morale booster, every time I walk into a room with him, big smiles come across everyone's faces."



LCPL JOSH P. VIERELA

Rocky, Mascot, MWHS-1, was promoted to lance corporal March 1 at Building 1, Camp Foster due to his excellent performance of duties, which includes boosting the troops' morale. "Rocky needs to work on his bearing before reaching the level of a solid Marine," said LtCol Donald K. Hansen, CO, MWHS-1 and Rocky's owner. "He tends to flop down anywhere even if a general is present, but he does build morale, and as far as duties go, he excels at that."

Corps pays price for accidents in government vehicles

Thousands of dollars spent to repair GOVs involved in accidents

CPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — A dent here, a ding there and small scratches may not seem important, but for Marine Corps Base Motor Transport officials, these, along with more serious accidents have put a big dent in their budget.

Accidents involving government vehicles in 2001 have cost more than \$100,000 in repairs.

"We have to pay for all the accidents," said Maj Danny R. Strand, Motor Transport Officer, MCB "That's money that could be spent on operations, maintenance, buying new tools, doing repair work on vehicles, re-

building vehicles or buying gas with it. We're always short on funding."

A large percentage of last year's accidents in government vehicles happened while backing up.

"People get in a vehicle and get in a hurry when backing up," Maj Strand said. "I think all of our vehicles should have the back-up warning beepers and we are going to start doing that on all vehicles that we buy."

Carelessness and not paying attention are most likely the leading causes of accidents in government vehicles here on Okinawa, according to Maj Strand. "I think everybody drives too fast, they should drive five kilometers under the speed limit."

Another type of accident common

on Okinawa is rear ending. One way to avoid this is to use the two-second rule. The two-second rule is when a driver allows two seconds of space between his car and the car in front of him for every 10 kilometers per hour he is traveling.

"It's real simple," Maj Strand said.

"If you do that, you will be less apt to have to slam on your brakes if the person in front of you comes to a sudden stop."

Vehicles involved in accidents and requiring repairs can't be used to support transportation needs.

"Right now we have five buses off line and four of those are from accidents," Maj Strand said. "These four busses could be utilized for range support or some other type of training."

"We can't eliminate all of the accidents, but we can do better than we are doing now."

- Maj Danny R. Strand

The number of accidents in government vehicles this year is down 30 percent.

The reduction in accidents can be attributed to a diligent roadmaster program. The roadmasters give tickets for not wearing seat belts, speeding, not stopping, illegal lane changes and many other safety violations.

"The number of repeat offenders has been dramatically reduced," Maj Strand said. "We can't eliminate all of the accidents, but we can do better than we are doing now."

With all of the accidents that occurred in government vehicles last year, none were found to be alcohol related.

The current base policy is that drivers at fault in an accident have to attend a remedial driving course. At fault drivers are also required to attend drivers court and the judge determines if they will lose their driving privileges.

ALMAR depicts casualties due to unsafe Marines

ALMAR 009/01

WASHINGTON — During the month of February 2001, six active duty Marines and one reservist not on active duty died due to ground related mishaps. Two Marines died as a result of an aviation mishap. One Marine died from a suspected suicide. Seventeen active duty Marines, one reservist and one recruit suffered significant injuries. The following provides a summary of our casualties for the month of February:

A. Fatalities:

1. A private from Company B, MCCES Training Command, Twentynine Palms who was involved in an automobile accident Jan. 20 died Feb. 2 as a result of respiratory failure.

2. USMCR sergeant not on active duty from I&I Gulfport, Miss., lost control of his vehicle, descended an embankment and was submerged. SNM could not be revived and died.

3. A lance corporal from 3d IAR Battalion was killed when he was trapped under the driver's side of the vehicle when his vehicle hit a pillar, flipped and partially ejected him.

4. A corporal from Marine Air Logistics Squadron-31, Marine Aircraft Group-31, crossed the centerline of a highway and collided with a pickup truck. SNM died at the scene of the accident.

5. A sergeant from 1st IAR Bn was knocked unconscious by a rock while conducting a ski march at MWTC bridgeport. He was medevaced and listed in critical condition as a result of severe head trauma. SNM later died after being re-

moved from life support.

6. A corporal from Battery G, 2nd Bn, 10th Marine Regiment, was unloading gear between two 5-ton trucks when one 5-ton backed into the other, accidentally crushing and killing him.

7. Two corporals and one private first class from 1st FAST Company were driving from New Hampshire to Norfolk, Va., when they were involved in an automobile accident. One Marine was killed while the other two Marines received minor injuries.

B. Representative mishaps resulting in serious injuries:

1. A corporal from Headquarters Bn, 2d Marine Division, was struck by a motor vehicle (hit and run) while he was trying to cross highway 17 in Jacksonville, N.C. SNM is currently in the ICU after suffering multiple injuries.

2. A corporal from VMFA-122, MAG-31, was driving a privately owned vehicle that hit a tree head on. SNM suffered fractured ribs, internal bleeding, and a suspected broken neck. His injuries are not life threatening.

3. A lance corporal from Marine Barracks 8th and I was driving when his POV went off a bridge on Interstate-95 south into the Patuxent River. SNM was extricated from the vehicle and flown to the Baltimore Shock-Trauma Center. SNM is currently on life support.

4. A first lieutenant from 2d Bn, 2d Marine Regiment, 2d MarDiv, was hit from behind by a truck and thrown approximately fifty feet while riding his bicycle to work. He was treated by EMS personnel and transported

to the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune. SNO is stable after sustaining blunt abdominal trauma, an injured kidney, closed head injuries and possible internal bleeding as a result of the incident.

5. A corporal from 2d AAV Bn pulled over to the side of the road to assist another motorist. After exiting his vehicle, the corporal was side swiped by another vehicle, which then sped away from the scene. The corporal sustained abdominal, leg, back, and head injuries as well as possible spinal damage — none life threatening.

6. A lance corporal from MALS-11, MAG-11 was driving east on Interstate 8 when her vehicle hit a disabled vehicle on the shoulder of the highway. The impact forced the disabled vehicle forward and into a second vehicle that had stopped to assist the disabled vehicle. Two civilians were injured in the accident. SNM was treated and released to the custody of the California Highway patrol where she registered a Blood Alcohol Content of .148 and was subsequently charged with felony DUI and Felony DUI with injuries.

7. A private first class on leave status, enroute to School of Infantry East, was driving his POV when he was hit by two semi-trucks. The second truck crushed the Marine's vehicle. SNM suffered fractures to the femur and clavicle. He is in critical condition and on a ventilator in the ICU at the Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. Prognosis is unknown at this time.

C. Flight mishaps and incidents:

1. A major and a captain from VMAT-203 flying a TA-V88 aircraft crashed on final approach to runway 32 left at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

2. Two CH-53E A/C experienced midair mishap. While executing a break on return to MCAS Futenma. Designated a "Class C" mishap.

D. Suspected suicide:

1. A corporal from MSSG-13 apparently committed suicide by shotgun to the head after being stopped by police following a high speed chase. The corporal was reported to be in an unauthorized absence status at time of the incident. This is our forth suspected suicide this calendar year.

E. Mixed news:

1. Last Year, five Marines died in the month of February, two in private motor vehicle mishaps, one in a motorcycle mishap, and two while on duty in tactical and commercial vehicle mishaps. This year, eight active duty Marines died in February: Two died in aviation mishap, four died as a result of PMV mishaps and two died as result of on duty ground mishaps.

2. For the first five months of fiscal year 2001, 28 Marines have been killed due to mishaps. Last year at this time, 38 Marines had died. The significant reduction of off duty PMV fatalities, 14 versus 24, highlights what we are capable of achieving when we put hard work, energy, and resources into this vital and important mission. Unfortunately, we have not had the same success with on duty mishaps and fatalities. To date this year, four more Marines have been killed in on duty mishaps than last year. We can do better, and with a renewed effort on all our parts we can turn this around.

3. Commanders shall ensure that all Marines have read this ALMAR and that every Marine is well briefed and ready for the risks they will encounter. Continue to stress operations risk management, both on and off duty, and particularly on the highway.

4. Semper fidelis, James L. Jones, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.



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Armed Services YMCA's annual essay contest

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Entry deadline is April 9 for the Armed Services YMCA's annual essay contest to promote reading among children and teens of active, Reserve, Guard and retired service members and DoD civilian employees.

Cosponsored by the U.S. Naval Institute, the essay contest is in its fifth year. Winners receive U.S. Savings Bonds ranging in value from \$100 to \$1,000.

One \$500 first place and one \$100 second place bond will be awarded in categories pre-school and kindergarten, first and second grade, third and fourth grade, fifth and sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grade. High school students can win a \$1,000 bond for first place and a \$500 bond for second place. In addition, there are four \$100 bonds for essays of honorable mentions.

Entrants in grades eight and below should submit essays of 300 words or less. Beginning writers may have their parents write their words for them. High school students should write essays of 500 words or less.

At the top of each essay, entries should include

the student's name, age and grade; address; phone number or e-mail a parent may be reached; parents' names; service affiliation; rank of military member; and military installation. Include the school or youth program if that's how the student enters.

Entries may be sent by mail or e-mail. E-mail essays can be either in the message body or attached as Microsoft Word or plaintext documents. They must be sent no later than April 9 to essaycontest@asymca.org. Libraries, schools, and other agencies on military installations with Internet access may enter essays for contestants.

Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than April 9 to be eligible. Send them to:

Armed Services YMCA
 Attn: Essay Contest
 6225 Brandon Ave., Suite 215
 Springfield, VA 22150

All entries submitted become the property of the Armed Services YMCA and cannot be returned. For additional information, visit www.asymca.org, send an e-mail to essaycontest@asymca.org, or call (703) 866-1260, ext. 16.

NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for March 11-17.

• Underage drinking

A Lance Corporal with Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 per month for one month and restriction and extra duties for 14 days.

A Private First Class with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-152, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking and drunk and disorderly. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$200 per month for two months, restriction for 45 days and extra duties for 45 days.

CHAPELS

The following lists the times for religious services available at the specified camps or bases. Contact the local chapel to verify religious services start times.

For religious education, bible study, choir information, or other services the chapels offer please contact the local camp chapels.

Camp Foster Chapel (645-7486/7487)

Roman Catholic

Daily Mass (Monday - Friday); 11:45 a.m.
Confessions; 11 a.m.
Confessions (Saturday); 4 p.m.
Vigil Mass; 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass; 7 and 10 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday Worship; 8:30 a.m.
Gospel Sunday Service; 11:30 a.m.
Eastern Orthodox Sunday Divine Liturgy; 9:30 a.m.

Weekday services celebrated according to Church calendar.

Jewish

Friday Shabbat; 7:00 p.m.

Muslim

Friday Prayer; 12:45 p.m.



Camp Lester Chapel (634-3810)

Roman Catholic

Daily Mass (USNH Chapel); 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Lester Chapel); 9 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday Service (Lester Chapel); 10:30 a.m.
Gospel Service; noon

Camp Schwab Chapel (625-2644/2866)

Roman Catholic

Daily Mass (Tuesday - Saturday); 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass; 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday Divine Worship Service; 10 a.m.
Bible Study (Monday); 7:00



CPL CHAD SWAIM

Maintenance preparations

LCpl Jason D. Freudenrich, Mechanic, Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 3d MRB, 3d FSSG, cuts up used oil drums for use as drip pans in his shop on Camp Kinser March 14. The pans will be used to catch oil and other fluids while doing maintenance on tactical vehicles.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Awards banquet

The 6th Annual Community Heroes Award Banquet will be held at the Rocker NCO Club on Kadena Air Base April 14 starting at 6 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be BGen Willie J. Williams, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler.

The banquet is designed to recognize outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the community in the areas of: education, health care, civil/human rights, community service, performing arts, athletics/fitness and journalistic achievement.

Individuals recognized at the ceremony will be selected from a list of nominations entered.

All nominations must be submitted no later than March 26.

Tickets for the event are \$22 for ages 13-adult, \$10 for ages 8-12 and \$5 for ages 7 and under.

For nomination procedures or other information, call David Young at 935-2517, Lucille Gardner at 646-2522 or Arlene Dixon at 646-5751.

Officers Selection Office

The Officers Selection Office visit is approaching. For those Marines thinking of submitting an officer package or who just want a little more information about the program should attend the following briefs:

March 28	8 to 11:30 a.m. Schwab Theater 1 to 4:30 p.m. Hansen Theater
March 29	8 to 11:30 a.m. Courtney Theater 1 to 4:30 p.m. Foster Theater
March 30	8 to 11:30 a.m. Futenma Theater 1 to 4:30 p.m. Kinser Theater

For more information contact unit career planners.

Scholarship competition

The Marine Officers' Spouses' Club has scholarships available to dependent children of Marines pursuing undergraduate studies.

Applications are available at the Marine Gift Shop

located on Camp Foster (behind the base theater) and at both Kubasaki and Kadena High School.

All applications must be received by April 20.

The competition is open to those meeting the following requirements:

- The dependent child of any rank active duty Marine who is on an accompanied tour to Okinawa.
- The dependent child of any retired Marine living on Okinawa.
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For more information contact Tim Kilkenny, Principal, or Cherilee Shaughnessy, Senior Counselor, at 645-3728/6888.

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Taking proactive steps to help those in need



2NDLT JULIANNE H. SOHN
PRESS OFFICER

School is a place where I learned how to read, write, and punch without breaking my thumb.

These days, kids still worry about reading and writing, but instead of avoiding fist fights, kids now dodge bullets.

A 15-year-old boy went on a shooting spree at his high school in Santee, Calif., recently. His rampage ended with two people dead and 13 others wounded.

Santana High reopened for trauma counseling of students within days after the shooting but three students, who reportedly knew of threats but did not report them, were to be kept away, according to school officials.

"We need to determine if in fact those reports are accurate and follow up with that," said Grossmont Unified High School District Superintendent Granger Ward to Reuters.

One morning I woke up to Katie Couric's smiling face as she interviewed these friends of "Andy" who allegedly knew of these threats on the Today Show.

These teenagers claimed that they heard "Andy" threaten to start a shooting spree. These kids said that they thought that "Andy" was joking.

The teenaged friends close to the 15-year-old suspect were not the only ones to know about these threats. An adult was also aware of some of the

threats, but failed to report it to authorities.

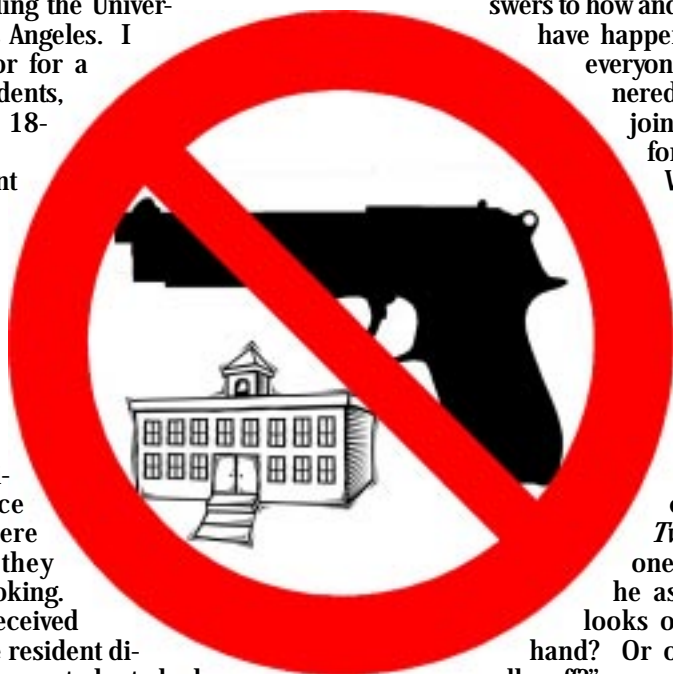
Is this the classic case of the "boy who cried wolf"?

Before I earned the title Marine, I spent some time working as a resident assistant up in the dormitories while attending the University of California, Los Angeles. I was a peer counselor for a floor of about 79 residents, most of whom were 18-year-old freshmen.

One night a resident came wandering into my room and joked about suicide easing the pain that came from being homesick. For the most of the year, this resident joked about such serious topics.

I stopped the resident in mid sentence and asked if they were being serious and they said that they were joking. Later that evening, I received a call from one of the resident directors saying that some students had found my resident semiconscious near one of the other residence halls.

A trip to the hospital and waiting for hours in the emergency room made me realize that sometimes certain jokes should always be taken seriously. Sometimes, jokes serve as warnings that need to be heard.



As Santee reels from the aftermath of the school shooting, it becomes clear that the first step to creating a safe and supportive environment is through being an active member of a community.

"We understand that the general public wants answers to how and why a thing like this could have happened at the hands of what everyone reports to be a well-mannered good kid. The family, too, joins the public in this need for answers, Charles "Andy" Williams' family said in a statement released to the public.

One of my favorite philosophers is Friedrich Nietzsche, who is often taken out of context for his "God is dead" comment.

Nietzsche once proposed four questions of conscience in his book *Twilight of the Idols*. The one that struck me was when he asked, "Are you one who looks on? Or one who lends a hand? Or one who looks away and walks off?"

Recently three Marines stopped and helped an Okinawan woman who was struck by a vehicle. These Marines were willing to lend a hand to someone in need.

Perhaps I'm an idealist, but I know that if we each take a proactive role in helping others, we can make our community a safer and more supportive place.

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

Reporting inappropriate behavior

You are a corporal in the Wing. The operation tempo in your shop is high. Your shop has the motto; "The day is done when the work is done." This translates to long, hard days and sometimes working through the weekend. You really don't mind because the morale in the shop is great. Everyone stays focused on accomplishing the mission and everyone pulls his or her weight.

Well, almost everyone. LCpl Bknot, is the exception to every rule. He is not very proficient at his job, his uniform is never pressed and he is always whining or complaining about something.

LCpl Bknot's corporal has tried just about everything possible to help train, motivate, and educate LCpl Bknot, but to no avail. As you see it LCpl Bknot is just a troublemaker.

A couple of days ago you heard a few of your fellow corporals discussing ways to "motivate" LCpl Bknot. They asked what you would do with LCpl Bknot and your answer, "official counseling," was met with laughter.

Today Bknot showed up with a black eye and busted lip. You noticed this but didn't ask any questions because he's not your lance corporal.

During chow you sit down with the other corporals. They are laughing and having a good time talking about how a bump on the head sure "moti-

vated" LCpl Bknot. You ask what they mean by that and one of them says, "You know that poster, 'We never promised you a rose garden?' Well last night Bknot fell into the rose garden."

This snapping reply was met with universal laughter and confirmed in your mind that one or all of them had beaten LCpl Bknot.

What the Marines said

Corporal with 1st MAW: "I don't know. I wouldn't want to rat on my buddies but, what they did wasn't right. I would call my dad for his advice."

Sergeant with MCB: "I might drop some hints to my staff sergeant that he might want to find out what happened, but it sounds like the corporals were trying to help the lance corporal."

Corporal with 3d FSSG: "I would tell them what they did was wrong and we all need to go talk to the section SNCOIC. This is bad, you just can't beat someone because you think they're a bad Marine. That ain't right."

What the Chaplain said

I like what the corporal said with regards to "official counseling." Perhaps there are some issues that LCpl Bknot is dealing with that are preventing LCpl Bknot from performing at his best. This needs to be brought to light and dealt with in a highly professional manner. I would suggest sending LCpl Bknot to see the Wing Chaplain. The situation involving the other corporals and the so-called "rose garden" incident is unacceptable behavior in the U.S. military. Their actions could have caused more serious injury than just a black eye and a busted lip. In my opinion, the corporal is ethically and morally bound to report this incident to his chain of command. The Marine Corps prides itself upon taking care of its own. Remember their motto, "Always Faithful."

— Navy LT Micheal Brown, Chaplain, 3d TSB, 3d FSSG



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PFC Nicholas M. Powers applies camouflage paint to his face in the early morning of the second day in the field with TRT.



Marines and Sailors use detailed maps during the land navigation portion of their field training to find their six checkpoint boxes spread out in a 1000 by 1000-meter grid square.



3d FSSG experiences Marine infantry life in the field during TRT

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LCPL KATHY J. ARNDT
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CENTRAL TRAINING AREA — Patrolling the thick, steaming jungle with rifles in hand, they look like infantry Marines, but they aren't.

They were among the 250 Marines and Sailors from 3d Force Service Support Group who left their offices, maintenance garages and warehouses to refresh their basic infantry skills Feb. 20-23. "We have grunts out here teaching grunt things," said Sgt James M. Chiavola, Tactics Instructor, Tactical Readiness and Training, Headquarters and Service Company, H&S Battalion, 3d FSSG. The Marines and Sailors spent four days in the field practicing the kinds of basic combat skills they could need if they were called to war.

"Since most of these Marines are support, we taught them things that will relate to them being in the back with the supply lines," said SSgt Craig A. Humphrey, Tactics Instructor, TRT, H&S Co., H&S Bn, 3d FSSG. "We teach things like how to defend against several different types of attacks such as

ambushes, ground and air attacks, guerilla attacks and terrorist attacks."

The students were taught the basics in land navigation, patrolling, rear security and convoy security.

The first day they were split up into three groups and each day they were given classes and opportunities to use what they learned through simulations.

In the land navigation class, they learned everything from reading maps and compasses, to the correct way to keep track of their movement. After the class, they were sent hiking into the jungle for the day to locate six small pre-positioned boxes using the compass and map reading skills.

When one group was learning land navigation, another received instruction on patrolling tactics and rear security responsibilities and defenses. After the classes, the groups were sent into the jungle to plan and maneuver routes for patrolling, conduct perimeter security missions and establish listening posts for rear security.

The groups also received instructions on how to defend a convoy. They learned how to harden a vehicle with sand bags to better protect from land mines and how to react to ambushes and obstacles.

This is not the first time TRT has trained Marines and Sailors.

"We do this training two out of every three weeks," said GySgt Stewart B. Howell, Staff Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, TRT, H&S Co., H&S Bn., 3d FSSG.

TRT's mission is to take Marines to the field and teach various basic infantry skills.

"When units request our training, we look to see what kind of unit they are, and customize training for their needs," GySgt Howell said.

For the Marines and Sailors receiving this type of training, it will help them prepare for the upcoming summer deployment season.

"I think we're out here to get us prepared in case something happens on our deployment," said LCpl James B. Worsencroft, Water Purification Specialist, Support Co., 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d FSSG.

"Being out here also prepares us if we would have to go somewhere and do this for real," said Sgt Diana D. Rivera, Motor Transport Operator, Supply Co., 9th ESB, 3d FSSG.

For the Marines with desk jobs, being out in the field gives them a break from the daily routine of paperwork and sitting in front of a computer.

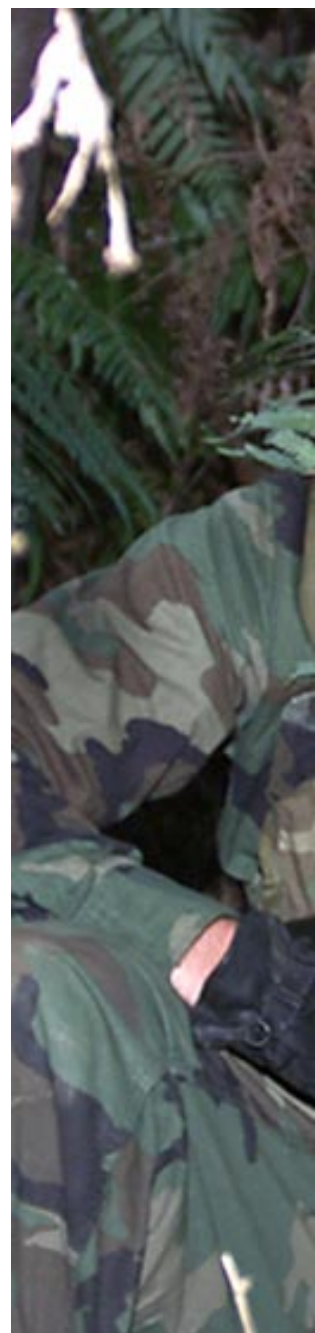
"It's awesome to get away from the shop and to get out here and do the things I like to do in the Marine Corps," said LCpl Worsencroft.

The Marines and Sailors are not the only ones enjoying themselves out in the field.

"It's nice to get them out of their shops and back to the basics that the Marine Corps taught them early on," GySgt Howell said. "It's really nice to see them enjoy themselves and see them learn something about infantry training."



LCpl Matthew C. Robinson, Motor Transport Operator, Support Co., 9th ESB, 3d FSSG, waits for the order to move on after his patrolling squad stops and listens for the enemy.



Sgt Diana D. Rivera (right), Motor Transport Operator, Supply Co., 9th ESB, 3d FSSG.



SSgt Craig S. Morris, Tactics Instructor, TRT, H&S Co., H&S Bn, 3d FSSG, gives Marines and Sailors a class on land navigation.



Motor Transport Operator, Support Co., 9th ESB, 3d FSSG, and PFC Jeremy R. King, Heavy Equipment Operator, Support Co., 9th ESB, 3d FSSG, wait for the enemy during a patrol in the field.



Motor Transport Operator, TRT, H&S Co., H&S Bn., 3d FSSG, wait for the enemy during a patrol.



PFC Terry J. Steele (front), Motor Transport Operator, Support Co., and LCpl James B. Worsencroft, Water Purification Specialist, Support Co., wait for the enemy during a patrol.

CSSD-32 plays aggressors to support training

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

HIJUDAI, Japan — When the Marines moved to their gun position, they knew there were no real enemy combatants patrolling the surrounding hillsides. Their convoy moved freely along the roads. Only mud and cold weather tried the battery's patience ... that is until six Marines left their desks and computers to become bad guys.

"We go out and play aggressor against the battery," whispered Sgt Jason Hardin as he low-crawled through black mud. "Our participation lets the battery practice their perimeter defense skills and their handling of prisoners of war."

Sgt Hardin works with the his unit's Explosive Ordnance Detachment and recently helped his fellow Marines from Battery C, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, train for realistic combat scenarios. His usual duties do not begin until the live-fire exercise has ended and he handles any unexploded artillery ammunition.

As a team leader of one of two teams during the aggressor simulation training, Sgt Hardin had the chance to get down and dirty. His three-man team inched within 50 meters of the Btry C Marines before being detected by the battery's perimeter guard.

Once the aggressors were sighted by the perimeter patrol, mock firefights ensued and captives were taken.

"The patrol took captives like they would in an actual combat situation," said LCpl Joseph Cardenas, Supply Clerk, Combat Service Support Detachment-32. "We each had secret messages on us. The Marines need to be able to find things like that and make sure they know how to follow the regulations for dealing with POWs."

Before the training began, both sides were briefed



LCpl Joseph Cardenas assumes a prone position on the hillside and Sgt Jason Hardin surveys the area. The two Marines abandoned the comforts of the barracks and their daily duties with Combat Service Support Detachment-32 to play aggressors during a training exercise with Battery C, 3/12.

on the steps of proper capture and handling of POWs. As the aggressors were brought in, their captors went through the steps outlined for proper handling of POWs.

The captured aggressors were searched, segregated, safeguarded, silenced and tagged before being sped from the simulated combat area to the holding area.

"The capture portion of this training is important because we need to know that our Marines can take care of POWs in a timely manner so they can return quickly to the frontline," said SSgt Thomas R. Shields, Gun Platoon Sergeant, Btry C, 3/12.

After the aggressors tested the battery's perimeter security and surrendered as POWs, they headed to another contact point to challenge the battery's defenses in blocked and unblocked attacks on their vehicle convoys.

"The battery has to move in huge convoys," Sgt Hardin said. "They need to know how to protect themselves and the guns. If they can't make it to the gun position they can't very well offer artillery support to the infantry units."

The aggressor teams hunched into a hillside about a mile away from their first objective. They peered through the cold fog, watching the battery pack up and move out.

As the first few vehicles rolled by, the aggressors stood and pretended to fire on the unit. As ordered, the small party fired back and kept rolling.

In the case of a blocked ambush, where the convoy cannot continue to roll, they are trained to stop and defend their vehicles and artillery weapons systems.

The training was successful and worthwhile for both sides, according to SSgt Shields.

Corpsman rehearse medevac during artillery relocation training

Medical evacuation prepares corpsmen for real emergencies

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

HIJUDAI, Japan — The scene had all the intensity of the real thing. Injured Marines lay in the snow, shouting for help from the corpsmen. Carrying their medical kits, the corpsmen slip down the embankment to perform their medical mission.

Fortunately for the corpsmen and Marines, the only injuries were those described on cards held by the simulated victims.

The Marines and corpsmen joined together recently as they performed rehearsal runs of the medical evacuation plans during Battery C, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment's artillery live-fire training deployment here.

In the event of a medical emergency, communication, transportation and medical treatment elements must combine efficiently and effectively to treat injuries or even save lives.

"We always work to prevent injuries," said Seaman Adam S. Lobrutto, Corps-

man, Btry C, 3/12. "Basically you think everything will go smoothly until a situation actually arises. This kind of training helps prevent surprises. It prepares us for what we hope won't happen."

The unlikely scenario faced by the Marines and corpsmen participating in the ground medevac training was a simulated vehicle accident.

Three Marines lay in the snow with cards describing their injuries, from facial abrasions to a crushed chest, received during the accident.

"It's a test for the corpsmen to make sure they remember every aspect of treating injuries," said PO1 Arthur Patrie, Independent Duty Corpsman, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group. "They have to treat the injuries while keeping in mind shock prevention and the effects of the environment on the casualty."

The weather increases the checklist for the corpsmen, as they must consider cold-weather injury risks when treating patients.

"We have to be aware of the effects of the cold on exposed tissue and on potential shock victims," said Seaman Mark Gray, Corpsman, Btry C, 3/12.

The second medical evacuation plan involved helicopter transportation of casualties from the training area to a

nearby Japanese medical facility. Weather and coordination with the Japanese military add to the challenges of the helicopter evacuation.

"It takes a little more time to coordinate the helo operation," PO1 Patrie said. "And the Japanese military was very cooperative and everything went smoothly."

The scenario for the helicopter evacuation focused on a mock training accident in which Marines received burn injuries and severe trauma to their arms and legs.

One simulated casualty faced the amputation of his arm and abdominal pain of an unknown origin.

"When you're dealing with these kinds of injuries, time is a key factor in treatment," PO1 Patrie said. "We have to get the patient to the medical facility as soon as possible."

The two medical evacuation plan rehearsals are integral to starting off a successful artillery training exercise, according to PO1 Patrie. It is essential to see the two plans in action so the medical personnel and the Marines know they work.

"The rehearsals improve our confidence and the confidence the Marines have in us," said Seaman Gray.

The Corpsmen, IDC and medical officer work continuously to achieve a



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
Seaman Tabot Kwo uses triage cards to prioritize the simulated injuries of casualty, Cpl. Robert Balsamo. The cards are to help expedite the treatment of casualties in combat.

"second-nature" response in crisis situations.

"I think both the Marines and the corpsmen learned during these rehearsals that there is a lot more to being a corpsman than just shots and aspirin," said Seaman Tabot Kwo, Btry C, 3/12.



When providing security, concealment is a must. LCpl Lucas Powell, 2nd Plt, Co F, buries himself deep into the jungle while providing security for the final GAIT exercise.



During real world operations and training exercises all Marines must be prepared to provide security for their fellow Marines. Here, 2ndLt Jonathan S. Hey, 1st Plt Commander, Co F, provides security next to a roadblock.

2/3 Marines go through GAIT on Okinawa

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN – The ability to bring all of its components together to support various missions is something the Marine Corps has done successfully for years. The reasons for this vary, but one is the continued practice through exercises like the Ground Air Integrated Training Exercise that recently took place on Okinawa.

The exercise combined Marine Corps air units with the Marines of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. The 2/3 Marines, here from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii on the Unit Deployment Program, usually work solely with CH-53 helicopters when training at their base. During the exercises here, the Marines in addition to working with the CH-53s were able to practice things like calling in air strikes to AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters from Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-267.

Being able to use the various aircraft was extremely beneficial in the Marines' training and showed them how essential the various aircraft could be during an operation, according to 2ndLt Todd M. Sanders, a

Platoon Commander with Co F, 2/3.

"There are several ways to insert Marines into a situation," 2ndLt Sanders said. "Helos give us a chance to make a quick strike and we want our Marines to understand what a great weapon the helos are."

The Marines, during the final portion of their exercise, were lifted by the CH-53E Sea Stallions from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361 and flown into a simulated peacekeeping scenario, in which the objective was to retrieve civilian and American hostages.

In addition to adding to the wide variety of situations the Marines are prepared to combat, the exercise assisted the Marines in working on their small-unit leadership, according to 2ndLt Sanders.

"In this type of scenario, the unit is spread out considerably and the leaders must ensure there is always perfect accountability and situational awareness," 2ndLt Sanders said.

Company F was responsible for the security aspect of the operation, as Co G Marines raided the designated area. Company E played the part of the enemy. While every company played

a different role, none felt they were losing anything during the training.

"This is a team effort...you can't have one without the other," 2ndLt Sanders said. "Exposure to any portion of this exercise is good training."

For the Marines of Co G it was a change of pace in their usual combat training scenarios, according to Capt Patrick J. Keane, Commanding Officer, Co G.

"This type of operation involves us going into a setting where friendly and unfriendly personnel are intermingled," Capt Keane said. "Unlike most operations, our goal during this one is solely to save lives."

The Marines involved in the exercise saw the benefits of this training and how it could be used tactically.

"I think we should definitely continue doing this type of integrated training," said PFC Jeremy Phillips, Infantryman, Co E. "It makes the situations we train in and for more realistic."

This type of realism is something PFC Phillips said he takes very seriously.

"When you watch the news it is clear that there are various missions happening all the time," PFC Phillips said. "By doing various missions, including this one, we can maintain our combat readiness and superiority."



Marines from 2/3 board a CH-53E Sea Stallion from HMH-361 for transport to an objective during the recent GAIT exercise.

7th Comm Bn shows off for Nursing Home residents

GYSCT MARLON J. MARTIN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — The Marines of 7th Communication Battalion rolled out the red carpet for 20 residents and five staff members of the Hikariga Oka Nursing Home who came here on a social visit recently.

The local Kin Town nursing home has cherished a special relationship with 7th Comm for the past seven years. The nursing home has made visits to the camp before, but this was its first visit to the battalion headquarters. The battalion supports the command element of III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"7th Comm adopted the nursing home seven years ago when it was looking for a way to get more involved in helping out the community," said PO2 Glenn S. Nash, Religious Program Specialist, 7th Communication Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group.

The unit has supported the nursing home on a monthly basis, as it has been doing since the relationship began.

Marines volunteer to go to the nursing home to interact with the residents, as well as to do lawn maintenance and facility upkeep. Always embraced with a warm reception, the Marines saw it only fitting to return the favor.

The Marines treated their Okinawan friends to a short tour of the battalion headquarters, a static display of communication equipment.

LtCol Mark M. Kauzlarich, Commanding Officer, 7th Comm Bn, III MHG, presented the nursing home with a unit plaque in appreciation of his unit being able to work with the nursing home.

"This is great! It's a pleasure to interact with the residents, because we are a part of their community," LtCol Kauzlarich said. "It's important to help them understand that we're not just here



Hikariga Oka Nursing Home residents are treated to a static display of communication equipment. The Marines of Co A, 7th Comm Bn, gave the residents a close look at their communication equipment to include satellite communication, high frequency and very high frequency radios, during the nursing home's recent visit.

to defend American interests, but also to maintain peace throughout the entire Pacific region."

The first stop the residents made was at the battalion headquarters. The staff and residents alike single-filed their way into the headquarters building, shortly after being introduced to the battalion

commander and his wife Sonia.

A plaque hangs on the wall in the main entrance of the building. The plaque was previously presented to the 7th Comm Marines by the nursing home staff for their help with the upkeep of the nursing home facility. The uneasy feeling of being on an Ameri-

can military installation was replaced with smiles, as each resident took a moment to view the plaque before entering the CO's office.

The language barrier was overcome with help from Chiyoko Kochi, Community Relations Representative, III MHG. She translated LtCol Kauzlarich's words, as he expressed to the residents his unit's desire to maintain a good relationship with the nursing home.

Following the brief tour of the headquarters building, LtCol Kauzlarich then led the way as he and the group walked over to a grassy area where Marines of Company A, 7th Comm Bn, anxiously awaited to display their communication equipment.

The Marines, adorned in combat gear with their faces covered in "cammie" paint, treated the residents to a bird's-eye view of their equipment that included satellite communication, high frequency and very high frequency radios.

Most of the residents who came to visit are in their 70's and 80's, according to PO2 Nash. With this in mind, the Marines took extra care in escorting the residents from point to point. Many, however, were astounded by the resident's ability to remain as healthy as they are for so many years.

"It's amazing how they stay so active. They are always up doing something, especially the ladies. They constantly stay busy," PO2 Nash said. "It was a good idea to bring the residents here and give them this type of tour. They get a good idea of what 7th Comm does, without us having to walk them around the whole battalion."

"I love doing community service like this," said LCpl Tony R. Taylor, Field Wireman, Company A, 7th Comm Bn, said. "I think it makes the residents feel good to mingle and talk with us. It's fun to work with other people and learn new cultures."

Green eggs encourage children to read

Parents, children celebrate Annual Read Across America

PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP MCTUREOUS — Hundreds of parents and children showed up for the fourth annual Read Across America celebration here recently as event organizers delivered a message — It is important that parents take the time to read to their children.

The celebration at Bechtel Elementary School provided a chance for parents to meet and hear about the importance of reading.

"It's always a good thing when we get parents involved and show them how much their children like to be read to," said Lisa Romans, Information Specialist, BES and Coordinator of the Read Across America Celebration.

The purpose of the Read Across America Celebration is for children to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, as well as the joy of reading, according to Romans.

Children and their parents began the event by sitting together to enjoy green eggs and ham, in addition to a birthday cake for Dr. Seuss.

"I wish we could have this every day for lunch," said Tatiana Burgess, second-grade student, BES.

The parents enjoyed the celebration because it enabled them to spend time with their children, stay involved in their education and see a little of what goes on at their child's school, according to Barbara Craig, parent of two BES students.

"I'm involved with all their activities," Craig said. "I knew it would be fun, but I was kind of curious to see what exactly it would be like. It's a great way to spend more time with my children."

It was also a great way for children to experience new things, according to Craig.

"It was fun to watch the children eat the green eggs and try something new," Craig said.

More importantly, it was a time for parents and teachers alike to reiterate the importance of reading to their children and students.

"I try to do everything I can to teach my children to get into their books," Craig said. "In addition to being well read, I want them to be articulate and understand that knowledge is power."

It was evident that Craig's opinion had spilled over to her children as well as many others.

"I liked the event because I like to read and I liked being here with my brother, sister and mom," said Naja Craig, first-grade student, BES. "I read to



The highlight of the recent Read Across America celebration at Bechtel Elementary School recently, was the green eggs and ham prepared in tribute to one of Dr. Seuss's most famous books.

my mom every day."

The event also included a book giveaway for the students.

The supplies for event were donated by the Commissary and the Bechtel Parent and Teacher Association.

It is a great chance for families to get together," Craig said. "It was a chance for parents to see their children actually having fun... at school."



Andrew Vanhorn, while not placing in the competition, gave his all during the shot put at the recent track and field competition.



Demetrius Moore, a Kubasaki student, placed second in the boys 15-17 long jump competition.

Fastest man runs away with it all at track meet

STORY AND PHOTOS BY PFC DAMIAN MCGEE
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — After a track meet here in October, he was unofficially given the title 'Fastest Man on Okinawa.' Five months later he still has it, along with a few more.

Jasper Moss was the highlight of the Open Track and Field Meet here, March 10. Moss, who won the 100-meter dash and placed third in the 200-meter dash during the October competition, walked away this time with gold medals for the 100 meter, 200 meter, 4 x 100-meter relay and the 4 x 400-meter relay.

Despite a 100-meter time of 10.24 seconds, Moss is

still not completely happy with his performance.

"I didn't have the opportunity to train the last few weeks before the meet," Moss said. "While I didn't train as much as I would have preferred, I still thank God for my performance."

The track meet featured runners from Kubasaki High School, Kadena High School, Zion Christian Academy, the Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy and Department of Defense civilian employees. With the various groups involved,

the turnout of participants as well as spectators was considerably larger than the last track meet here in October.

"We had a lot better turnout this time," said Fred Bacigalupe, Sports Coordinator, Marine Corps Community Services. "This is the track season, so everyone (including the high schools) wants to compete."

The mix of participants is something Bacigalupe and MCCS looks to do with events such as these.

"When events are mixed like this it brings out more competitors," Bacigalupe said.

"We do the best we can with what we have."

"I like coming out here," said Valdemar Sequeira, a spectator. "Watching everybody run reminds me a lot of high school."

For others it was another way for them to cheer on their fellow Marines and co-workers.

"I think every Marine should go out and support their fellow Marines in sporting or any other events," said Hector Munoz, a spectator. "It shouldn't matter whether they win or lose. I was just lucky that the person I came to see won."



Making it look easy, Jasper Moss finishes ahead of the pack in the 100 meter race. Moss finished with a time of 10.24 seconds, beating his nearest competitor by nearly half a second.

Events and Winners

100-meter

Men's open: Jasper Moss

Men's Senior: Eric Holland

110-meter hurdles

Men's open: Ernest Hill

Men's Senior: Eric Holland

200-meter

Men's open: Jasper Moss

Men's Senior: Eric Holland

400-meter

Men's open: Alonzo Chop

Men's Senior: Eric Holland

800-meter

Men's open: Jason Cut

Men's Senior: Vincent Firemoon

1600-meter

Women's open: Tanya Goggins

Men's open: Jason Cut

4X400-meter relay

Kubasaki High School

Men's Open: The Showstoppers

Sprint and Distance Medley

Kubasaki High School

Discus

Men's open: Michael Bennett

Men's Senior: David O'Doherty

Shot-put

Men's open: Michael Bennett

Men's Senior: Lem Jordan

High Jump

Men's open: John Fincham

Men's Senior: David O'Doherty

Long Jump

Men's open: Steven Engstrom

Men's Senior: David O'Doherty



Dozens of coin operated rides are available to Okinawa Zoo visitors.

Directions to Okinawa Zoo

The Okinawa Zoo is located just minutes from Kadena Air Base Gate 2. Traveling through Gate 2, cross Route 330 and keep going straight until you see a sign for the zoo. Turn right at the sign and the zoo is less than a kilometer on the left-hand side.

World Safari: Okinawa Zoo provides closer look at wildlife from around the globe



Jay McCollough, Lester Middle School Student, feed the goats in the petting area of the Okinawa Zoo. Animal feed is available in vending machines for 100 yen.

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OKINAWA CITY – Visitors to the Okinawa Zoo may hear the roars of lions and tigers echoing off the hills as they stroll a world safari of animals on exhibit.

The Okinawa Zoo has gathered hundreds of animals ranging from the tiny guinea pig to the huge African Elephant and combined them with a variety of child rides and a carousel to create a day of fun for all.

"It's small, but it has a lot of animals," said PO3 Mike D. Looker, Corpsman, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa. "It's a great place to bring kids, as mine have had a wonderful time."

The zoo experience begins with a mini amusement park full of dozens of coin-operated rides, a train, motorized carts and a horse-filled carousel. Located near the entrance and exit for the zoo, the rides can be enjoyed both on the way in or out and provide a nice area for picnickers to enjoy an afternoon.

Just up the hill from the amusement area, visitors have the opportunity to pet some of the park's gentler animals. The petting portion of the zoo holds chicks, goats, pigs, guinea pigs, rabbits and lizards.

"The iguana and other lizards were cool to hold," said Jay McCollough, Lester Middle School Student. "They felt real leathery and the one had a purple tongue."

Following the path further brings visitors to see primates, emus, hippos and giraffes as the park seems to slowly work its way from the weakest to the strongest animals. The lion, tiger, leopards, bears and larger reptiles are all near the end of the trail.

"The lion was roaring and growling while we watched," Looker said. "Its powerful display was the best part of the park."

Animal feeding times vary throughout the day, but the big cats are fed every day between 3 and 4 p.m.

A portion of the zoo is currently closed to the public because of construction, but will reopen later this summer. The area being worked on contains a pond where visitors are able to take paddleboats out among various birds from around the world.

The zoo is open Wednesday through Monday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The zoo is closed every Tuesday unless it's a Japanese holiday. Admission is ¥900 for adults, ¥300 for junior high and high school students and ¥200 for elementary school students and younger.



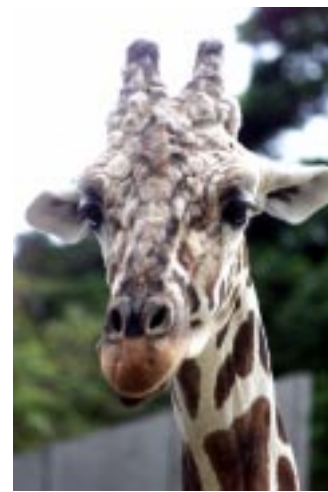
Cassidy Dowling, 2, enjoys an ice cream cone at the concession stand near the alligator pits in the Okinawa Zoo.



The Timber Wolf's howl can be heard throughout the Okinawa Zoo as he calls out to his pack from half way around the world.



This iguana is just one of dozens of animals available to pet at the Okinawa Zoo. During feeding time, zoo workers allow visitors to feed lettuce and fruit to the the iguanas.



The Reticulated Giraffe towers above all other animals in the zoo.



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1987 Toyota Town Ace — JCI May 02, \$800 OBO. 646-2503.
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1992 Toyota ED — JCI Mar 03, \$2,900. 090-3792-2137.
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1993 Honda Prelude — JCI June 02, \$3,400 OBO. 636-4403.
1989 Toyota Town Ace — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500 OBO. **1990 Toyota Master Ace** — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500 OBO. 633-1709.
1991 Nissan Cefiro — JCI Oct 02, \$2,000. 645-7547.
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1991 Toyota Levin — JCI Mar 03, \$2,800 OBO. Maiko, 646-4446.
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1990 Honda Civic — JCI Sep 01, \$1,600 OBO. 637-2482.
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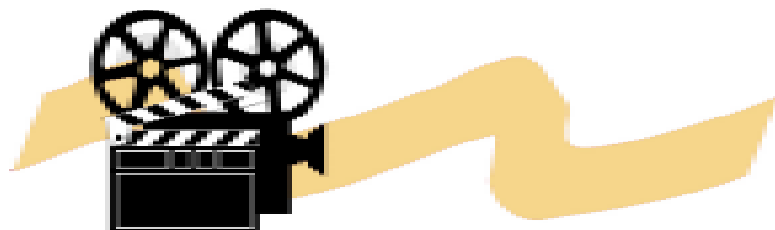


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Fri 15 Minutes (R); 7:00
Sat Miss Congeniality (PG13); 7:00
Sun Bounce (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed 102 Dalmations (G); 1:00
Wed Men of Honor (R); 7:00
Thu Closed

Butler (645-3465)

Fri The Mexican (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sat What Women Want (PG13); 1:00, 4:00



Check Keystone, Kinser, Hansen and Butler Theaters for show times.

Sat The Mexican (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sun What Women Want (PG13); 1:00, 4:00
Sun The Mexican (R); 7:00
Mon Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Tue Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Wed What Women Want (PG13); 7:00
Thu 15 Minutes (R); 7:00

Kinser

(637-2177)

Fri Bounce (PG13); 7:00
Sat All the Pretty Horses (PG13); 3:00
Sat What Women Want (PG13); 7:00, 11:30
Sun Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue All the Pretty Horses (PG13); 7:00
Wed 15 Minutes (R); 7:00
Thu What Women Want (PG13); 7:00

Keystone

(634-1869)

Fri Hannibal (R); 6:30, 9:30
Sat What Women Want (PG13); 1:00
Sat Hannibal (R); 5:30
Sat 15 Minutes (R); 9:00



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Sun What Women Want (PG13); 2:00
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Mon What Women Want (PG13); 7:00
Tue Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Wed Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Thu All the Pretty Horses (PG13); 7:00

Hansen

(623-4564)

Fri Sweet November (PG13); 6:00, 9:00
Sat Sweet November (PG13); 6:00, 9:00
Sun What Women Want (PG13); 2:00, 5:30
Mon Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Tue Dracula 2000 (R); 7:00
Wed All the Pretty Horses (PG13); 7:00
Thu Lucky Numbers (R); 7:00

Schwab

(625-2333)

Fri Bounce (PG13); 7:00
Sat Men of Honor (R); 6:00
Sat Miss Congeniality (PG13); 9:00
Sun Men of Honor (R); 3:00
Sun Miss Congeniality (PG13); 6:00
Mon 15 Minutes (R); 7:00
Tue 15 Minutes (R); 7:00
Wed Closed
Thu All the Pretty Horses (PG13); 7:00

Futenma

(636-3890)

Fri Dude, Where's My Car (PG13); 7:30
Sat Men of Honor (R); 6:00
Sun Emperor's New Groove (G); 6:00
Mon 3,000 Miles to Graceland (R); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed The Mexican (R); 7:30
Thu Closed



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